OCTOBER 06, 2019

OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE MONTHLY CENSUS

ROUTES: East and West sides in the morning - except in the designated areas where the refuge had the youth duck hunting taking place. Auto Tour area in the afternoon - leaving the refuge grounds by 4:30pm for the late afternoon hunting; bird Veler Rd., Ottawa-Lucas Rd., and Krause/Stange Rds. at the end of census.

TIME: 8:00am - 12:00pm; 1:50pm - 4:45pm

TEMP.: 61 ~ 70

COND.: Cloudy and cool early; turning overcast with sprinkles at 9:10am, then a cloudburst from 10:00am - 10:20am; partly sunny with light winds in the afternoon.

OBS. EAST: Jim Reyda. OBS. WEST: Bob Bartolotta, Katie Clink, Claire Johnson, Jennifer Kuehn, Donna Kuhn, Dave & Kim Myles, George Novosel, Tony Szilagye.

OBS. WEST PRAIRIES: Douglas W. Vogus.

OBS. AFTERNOON: Bob Bartolotta, Claire Johnson, Jim Reyda, Douglas W. Vogus.

I. MAMMALS: 7 SPECIES.

1. Eastern Cottontail - 3
2. Woodchuck - 3
3. Eastern Fox Squirrel - 13
4. Meadow Vole - 1
5. Common Muskrat - 2
6. Common Raccoon - 4
7. White-tailed Deer - 1

II. BIRDS: 101 SPECIES, 6,315 TOTAL BIRDS.

1. Canada Goose - 731
2. Mute Swan - 5
3. Trumpeter Swan - 78
4. Wood Duck - 39
5. Gadwall - 39
6. American Wigeon - 37
7. Mallard - 316
8. Blue-winged Teal - 38
9. Northern Shoveler - 5
10. Northern Pintail - 72
11. Green-winged Teal - 23
12. Pied-billed Grebe - 34
13. Rock Pigeon - 1
14. Mourning Dove - 58
15. Chimney Swift - 2
16. Sora - 1
17. Common Gallinule - 7
18. American Coot - 1
19. Sandhill Crane - 36  (Eighth Record on October Census since 03/1969)
20. Semipalmated Plover - 2
22. Least Sandpiper - 6
23. Pectoral Sandpiper - 7
24. Semipalmated Sandpiper - 2
25. Long-billed Dowitcher - 8
26. Wilson's Snipe - 11
27. Greater Yellowlegs - 16
28. Lesser Yellowlegs - 50
29. Bonaparte's Gull - 52
30. Ring-billed Gull - 706
31. Herring Gull - 7
32. Common Tern - 1
33. Double-crested Cormorant - 64
34. American White Pelican - 101  (a high count of 67 in the morning assembled into a fall-out of 101 that landed in the SE corner of MS 3 in the afternoon)
35. Great Blue Heron - 97
36. Great Egret - 134
37. Snowy Egret - 8
38. Cattle Egret - 2
39. Green Heron - 1
40. Turkey Vulture - 13
41. Bald Eagle - 11  (4 adult, 7 immature)
42. Northern Harrier - 1
43. Cooper's Hawk - 1  (immature female that almost caught a Northern Flicker)
44. Red-tailed Hawk - 3
45. Belted Kingfisher - 8
46. Red-headed Woodpecker - 5
47. Red-bellied Woodpecker - 12
48. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 7
49. Downy Woodpecker - 25
50. Hairy Woodpecker - 1
51. Northern Flicker - 37
52. American Kestrel - 2 (a pair hunting together on the telephone wires along Krause Rd.)
53. Least Flycatcher - 1
54. Eastern Phoebe - 15
55. Blue-headed Vireo - 1
56. Red-eyed Vireo - 4
57. Blue Jay - 70
58. American Crow - 1 (Ninth Record on October Census since 03/1969)
59. Horned Lark - 25 (all fly-overs or drop-downs along Krause Rd.)
60. Tree Swallow - 74
61. Black-capped Chickadee - 7
62. Tufted Titmouse - 5
63. White-breasted Nuthatch - 10
64. Brown Creeper - 5
65. House Wren - 1
66. Winter Wren - 9
67. Marsh Wren - 1
68. Golden-crowned Kinglet - 13
69. Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 106
70. Eastern Bluebird - 6 (fly-over all in one group at corner of Stange & Krause Rds.)
71. Swainson’s Thrush - 2
72. American Robin - 52
73. Gray Catbird - 5
74. European Starling - 676
75. House Sparrow - 24
76. House Finch - 1
77. American Goldfinch - 5
78. Black-and-white Warbler - 1
79. Tennessee Warbler - 2
80. Common Yellowthroat - 3
81. American Redstart - 2
82. Northern Parula - 1
83. Magnolia Warbler - 3
84. Bay-breasted Warbler - 2
85. Blackpoll Warbler - 3
86. Palm Warbler - 1
87. Yellow-rumped Warbler - 7
88. Black-throated Green Warbler - 2
89. Chipping Sparrow - 1 (along Krause Rd.)
90. Field Sparrow - 3
91. Savannah Sparrow - 6 (5 along Krause Rd. and 1 along Wigeon Way on the
backside)
92. Song Sparrow - 22
93. Lincoln’s Sparrow - 4
94. Swamp Sparrow - 24
95. White-throated Sparrow - 80
96. Northern Cardinal - 15
97. Indigo Bunting - 1 (female/immature along Stange Rd.)
98. Red-winged Blackbird - 1,620
99. Rusty Blackbird - 5
100. Common Grackle - 183
101. Brown-headed Cowbird - 65

Unidentified Tern Species (Common/Forster’s) - 1
Unidentified Empidonax Flycatcher - 1
Unidentified Sparrow Species - 7

III. REPTILES: 2 SPECIES.
   1. Map Turtle - 2 (First October Record on Census)
   2. Red-eared Turtle - 3 (First October Record on Census)

IV. AMPHIBIANS: 3 SPECIES.
   1. Bullfrog - 2
   2. Green Frog - 4
   3. Northern Leopard Frog - 2

V. FISHES: 1 SPECIES.
   1. Common Carp - 1

VI. BUTTERFLIES: 9 SPECIES, 1 SPECIES NEW TO CENSUS.
   1. Cabbage Butterfly - 12
   2. Clouded Sulphur - 14
   3. Orange Sulphur - 4
   4. Bronze Copper - 71
5. Painted Lady - 1  
6. Common Buckeye - 2  
7. Monarch - 21  
8. Fiery Skipper - 2  

VII. DRAGONFLIES & DAMSELFLIES: 3 SPECIES.

1. Common Green Darner - 1 (First October Record on Census)  
2. Eastern Pondhawk - 1 (First October Record on Census)  
3. Ruby Meadowhawk - 13 (First October Record on Census)

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